Notes from June 28, 2007 PESC Conference Call
on Development of XML Standard for the Application for Admission

Discussion on the call was begun by Adriana Farella, chair of the Workgroup, at 2 minutes after the hour.

**Codes for International Schools:** Debi Sandul raised the issue of how to give a code to international schools from which applicants earned credit. There are currently 12 code sets available in the Organization structure. Within academic history, the code is optional, but Debi would like to be able to assign a code.

Tom also received a similar request from World Education Service who would like to offer its school clients a choice of delivery of its evaluations of international credentials (paper or XML).

The AACRAO SPEEDE Committee will discuss this on a future weekly call. One proposed solution is to add a new (13th) code set called MutuallyDefined (or possible International). If approved, it would probably encourage the use of the first two digits to be the country code, followed by a four digit numeric code assigned by the user for schools within that country.

If approved by the AACRAO SPEEDE Committee, it will be submitted to the PESC Change Control Board for approval.

**Created Date and/or Time:** Debi also asked if there is a way to determine which is the most recent receipt of an application for admission when multiple applications have been received. Adriana pointed out that this information is available in the Transmission Data portion of the schema. It is included in a simple data element called “CreatedDateTime”.

**Health:** On last week’s call, we reviewed a few of the questions from the EDI Transaction Set 189. It was felt that we should check with other groups to see about the appropriateness of including some rather sensitive type questions. Adriana will check with Barbara Lauren from the AACRAO Office and also with someone at NACAC.

**Government/Military:** We started to review some issues from last week’s call, but Tom was not very prepared, so we deferred this and will discuss it as part of our second review of the entire schema which will probably begin on our next call. We did agree that the simple data element “MilitaryRelationshipStatusCode” should be changed to “MilitaryRelationshipCode” since the values are all branches of the military.
Self Reported Tests:  We reviewed this portion of the 5/2/07 version of the Draft Implementation Guide and pretty much agreed to keep most of the complex data element “Tests” except to change it to “SelfReportedTests”.

TestCode:  We agreed to keep this data element except to make it optional. This will be a code set created by the Education Test Score Reporting (ETSR) workgroup. It will be an alphanumeric code set.

We agreed that we need to insure that two specific tests are included that are somewhat similar to the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):

Canadian Assessment of English Language (CAEL), and

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

TestName:  We agreed to keep this optional data element as is.

Date of Test:  We agreed to keep this required choice data element composed of TestDate, TestYearMonth, and TestYear.

StudentLevel:  Although this optional data element was not included on any of the limited random sample of applications for admission that we reviewed, we decided to keep it to give added flexibility.

Subtest:  We agreed to keep this complex data element, but make it optional instead.

ScoreValue:  We did agree to add this simple data element as a child to Tests, since it was felt that some schools might ask for a total score on some tests like TOEFL.

Subtest:  We also reviewed this complex data element which appeared on page 373 of 458 of the Draft Guide dated 5/2/07.

SubtestCode:  We agreed to keep this data element but make it optional. The ETSR workgroup is changing this code to a word code which will not be tied directly to any one test. So, for example, the “Verbal” subtest code might be used for multiple tests.

SubtestName:  We agreed to keep this optional data element, although it might turn out to be redundant with the SubtestCode.

TestScores:  We agreed to keep this information, but change it to “ScoreValue” to make it an optional simple data element.
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We ended this week’s call at 52 minutes after the hour.

**Next Call:** On the next call in two weeks, we plan to begin a second (and final?) review of the schema and the Draft Implementation Guide. We hope that Rajiv Kaushik will have updated the schema in time for Tom to make the updates to the Guide, so that the second review will indicate the recommendations previously agreed to by the Workgroup.

**No call next week.** The next call will be Thursday, July 12, at noon Eastern (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific) Daylight Saving Time. Call 800.508.7631; Room code *9976409*.

On today’s call were

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